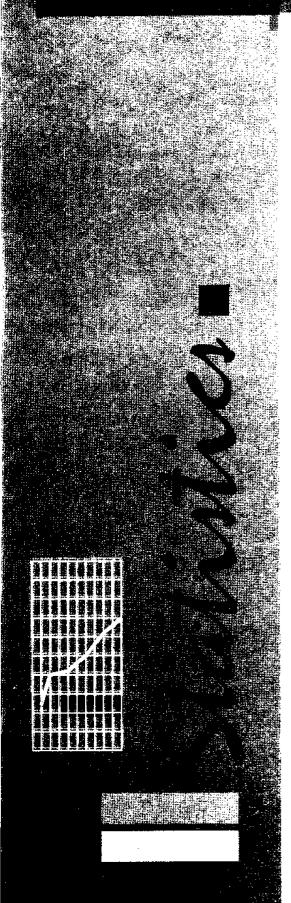


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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

UPDATED SERIES

Series updated since the March 1996 issue are: population; labour force, job vacancies, industrial disputes; housing finance, building approvals; price indexes; retail turnover; tourism; new motor vehicle registrations; and business expectations. A feature article on travel to work and educational institutions by ACT residents in October 1995 is included on page 6.

NOTABLE MOVEMENTS

Unemployment

The trend number of persons employed in the ACT has fallen for each of the last five months from a peak of 159,600 persons in October 1995 to 156,200 persons in March 1996 (an overall fall of 3,400 persons or -2.1%). Over the same period, the trend unemployment rate has steadily increased from 7.0% to 7.8% and the trend participation rate has decreased from 74.3% to 73.1%.

There were 1,600 job vacancies recorded in the ACT in February 1996; an increase of 14.3% from November 1995 and 23.1% from February 1995. Job vacancies in the private sector increased by 13.5% to 900 and in the public sector increased by 19.2% to 700.

Industrial disputes

In the year to December 1995 there were only 9 working days lost per 1,000 employees in the ACT compared with 79 working days lost per 1,000 employees nationally.

Housing

The trend number of dwelling units financed (includes refinancing) in the ACT during January 1996 increased by 1.4% to 900 dwellings. The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT in January 1996 was \$88 million, an increase of 1.4% on the previous month.

The trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT has fallen for each of the last 3 months from a peak of 244 dwellings in November 1995 to 197 dwellings in February 1996 (an overall fall of 19.3%). Over the same period there has been a fall of 1.5% nationally.

Quarterly established house price index for Canberra rose by 0.5% in December 1995 after a decline of 0.1% in September 1995. This was above the decrease of 0.2% for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. In the 12 months from December 1994, the price index decreased 1.5% for the ACT compared to a 0.3% increase for the cities' weighted average.

Retail turnover

The trend estimate for retail turnover in the ACT for February 1996 was \$187.2 million, up slightly on the previous month's figure of \$185.8 million. Nationally trend retail turnover has increased by 8.2% over the last 12 months compared to 4.7% for the ACT.

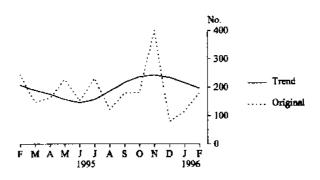
New motor vehicle registrations The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for the ACT in February 1996 was 1,100, an increase of 1.2% over January, and 6% higher than for February 1995. Nationally, the trend for total new registrations has shown consecutive rises since October 1995, with February 1996 recording a 1.6% increase.

Tourism — room occupancy

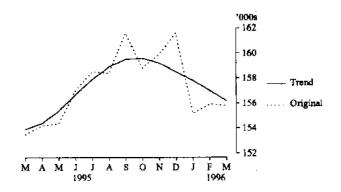
Room occupancy rate for hotels, motels and guest houses in the December quarter 1995 was 64.6%, up 1.9 points on the September quarter 1995 but down 1.6 points on the December quarter 1994. For 4 and 5 star hotels, motels and guest houses, the room occupancy rate fell to 70.8% in the December quarter 1995 compared with 75.8% in the December quarter 1994.

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

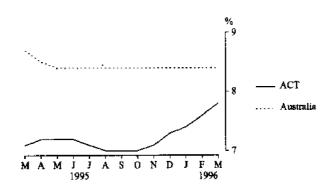
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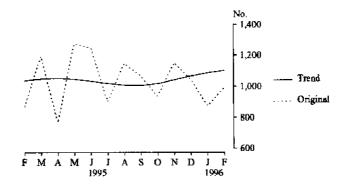
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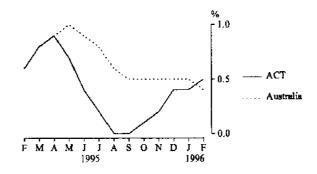
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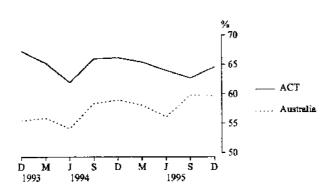
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER -- TREND PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH



HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES - ROOM OCCUPANCY RATE



FEATURE ARTICLE

TRAVEL TO WORK AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS **OCTOBER 1995**

Summarised below are the main results on travel to work and study from the Survey of Travel to Work and Educational Institutions and Use of Library Services conducted in the ACT by the ABS on behalf of the Department of Urban Services during October 1995 as a supplement to the Monthly Population Survey.

A total of 136,501 persons within the ACT travelled to work during the survey period. Most people who travelled to work did so by car (76.0% of all travellers as drivers and 9.5% as passengers). The next most common modes were bus (7.0%) and walk (3.8%). Around 30% of employed persons indicated that their workplace was in the same district as their home. The most common destinations for employed persons were North Canberra (30.6%), South Canberra (26.0%), Belconnen (15.3%), Woden Valley (12.0%) and Tuggeranong (8.8%).

A total of 81,326 students in the ACT travelled to educational institutions. The most common mode of travel for students was car with the majority being passengers (31.7% of all students travel as passengers and 21.3% as drivers). The next most popular modes of travel to place of study were bus (21.6%), walking (17.3%) and cycling (7.4%). Just over 60% of students reported that their educational institution was located in the same district as their home. The most common destinations for students were Belconnen (33.5%), North Canberra (21.5%), Tuggeranong (19.6%), Woden Valley (10.3%) and South Canberra (9.7%).

Additional information on travel to work and educational institutions is available on request. Results on use of public library services were released in the March issue of ACT Business Indicators.

MAIN MODES OF TRAVEL TO WORK AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OCTOBER 1995

	Work	Study		
Modes of travel	Persons	%	Persons	%
Bus	9 490	7.0	17 585	21.6
Taxi	404	0.3	103	0.1
Car as driver	103 739	76.0	17 314	21.3
Car as passenger	12 941	9.5	25 746	31.7
Motor cycle/scooter	1 795	1.3	319	0.4
Bicycle	2 968	2.2	6 028	7.4
Walk	5 169	3.8	14 060	17.3
Other		_	171	0.2
Total	136 501	100.0	81 326	100.0

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS: SALES, JUNE QUARTER 1996/MARCH QUARTER 1997, EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE

	Australian Capital Territory	Australia		
Period	%	%		
Short-term				
Dec. gtr 1994-Mar. gtr 1995	- 1.3	- 0.5		
Mar. gtr 1995-June gtr 1995	5.2	1.4		
June gtr 1995-Sept. gtr 1995	0.8	1.3		
Sept. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1995	2.0	2.1		
Dec. gtr 1995-Mer. gtr 1996	0.5	- 0.2		
Mar. qtr 1996-June qtr 1996	1.8	2.3		
Medium-term				
Dec. gtr 1994-Dec. gtr 1995	3.5	3.3		
Mar. gtr 1995-Mar. gtr 1996	3.0	3.0		
June atr 1995-June atr 1996	- 0.8	2.3		
Sept. qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1996	3.1	3.4		
Dec. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1996	3.8	4.4		
Mar. gtr 1996-Mar. gtr 1997	2.3	4.1		

		Australian	Capital Territ	огу		Australia		
			Change fro	om		Change	from	
•		Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year	
Indicator	Unit		%	_%		%	%	
POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR								
POPULATION, September qtr 95	'000s	304.9	0.3	1.1	18 114.4	0.3	1.3	
Natural increase	no.	702	- 16 .5	- 0. 1	29 319	- 14.3	5.4	
Net migration	no.	83	- 114.6	- 170.9	31 092	60.8	32.2	
Total increase	no.	785	186.5	34.0	60 411	12.9	17.7	
LABOUR FORCE, March 96								
Original series							4 7	
Employed	2000°	155.8	- 0.1	1.5	8 302.7	0.5	1.7	
Unemployed	'000s	15.7	4.0	14.6	810.9	- 5.3	– 0.6 – 0.2	
Unemployment rate ¹	%	9.1	0.3	0.9	8.9	- 0.5		
Participation rate ¹	%	73.9	0.1	1.0	63.8	- 0.2	- 16.7	
Long-term unemployed (February 96)	no.	3 172	14.9	29.0	245 292	1.9	- 16.7	
Long-term unemployed as percentage total		24.0	0.4	2.6	28.6	- 0.3	- 4.6	
unemployed (February 96)*	%	21.0	2.1	3.6	28.0	- 0.3	- 4.0	
Trend series	1000	4500	۵.5	1.5	8 321.8		1.8	
Employed	,000s	156.2	- 0.5 2.3	12.8	765.9	0.1	- 1.1	
Unemployed	1000s	13.2		0.7	8.4	- 0.1	- 1.1 - 0.3	
Unemployment rate ¹	%	7.8 73.4	0.2 - 0.2	0.9	63.6	- 0.1	- 0.5	
Participation rate ¹	%	73.1						
JOB VACANCIES, February 96	000s	1.6	14.3	23.1	63.9	13.9	11.7	
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, Dec. 95								
Working days lost	'000s	_	- 100.0	_	10.2	- 85.2	- 80.5	
Days lost per '000 employees (year	0000							
ended August 95)	no.	9.0	12.5	12.5	79.0	- 7.1	3.9	
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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION HOUSING FINANCE, January 96 Secured commitments to individuals for Original series								
Construction of dwellings	\$m	5.7	1.8	18.7	407.4	- 2.9	- 7.1	
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	12.7	42.7	62.8	164.0	6.6	12.5	
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	31.9	- 30.8	- 19.8	2 574.7	- 1.8	28.4	
Total housing commitments	\$m	67.1	- 9.7	17.5	3 146.2	- 1.5	21.5	
Seasonally adjusted series								
Total housing commitments	\$m	84.2	- 0.7	8.8	3 915.7	13.2	16.7	
Trend series				44.5	20.254	0.0	6.1	
Dwelling units financed	no.	900	1.4	11.8	38 354	0.2 0.9	6.1 9.6	
Total housing commitments	\$m	88.0	1.4	13.5	3 735.0	Ų. 9	9.0	
BUILDING APPROVALS, February 96								
Original series								
Dwelling units	no.	179	54.3	- 27.2	10 109	21.7	- 17.3	
Value of new residential	\$m	16.0	33.3	- 38.9	952.1	19.6	- 12 .5	
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	3.3	26.9	- 45.9	177.6	6.1	- 0.7	
Value of non-residential	\$m	16.2	26.6	9.5	1 087.7	36.9	21.7	
Value of total building	\$m	181.3	564.1	284.9	2 217.4	26.2	2.7	
Trend series		4.4.4	a a	0.7	40.000		- 23.5	
Dwelling units	no.	197	- 8.8	- 9.7	10 096	_	- 23.5	
BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, September qtr 95	i							
New houses	no.	337	4.3	- 33.7	23 574.0	- 4. 2	- 30.2	
Value of houses commenced	\$m	36.0	- 4.0	- 32.6	2 404.3	- 3.4	- 25.3	
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m	61.0	1.3	- 40.4	2 488.4	- 1.2	31.2	
Value of total commencements	\$m	-136.7	9.2	– 33.3	6 316.1	- 5.5	- 11 .3	
PRICE INDEXES								
Established house price index, Dec. qtr 95	(1989- =100.	-90 0) 128 .6	0.5	- 1.5	112.4	- 0.2	0.3	
PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, Dect. qtr 95	(1989- =100.							
Food		118.8	1.4	4.6	115.7	0.3	4.3	
Housing		111.8	0.4	8.8	106.1	0.7	8.8	
Transportation		127.1	0.2	6.9	122.3	0.2	4.7	
All groups		120.0	0.8	5.4	118.5	0.8	5.1	
Air groups								
For footnotes see end of table.							<u>.</u>	

		Australian	Capital Territo	ory		Australia		
	Latest figure		Change fro	om		Change from		
			Previous Same period period previous year		Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year	
Indicator	Unit		%	%		%	%	
PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, November 95	— conti	Inued						
Original series		050.00	2.5	7 7	660.70	1.2	3.1	
Males	\$	858.90	3.5	7.7	662.70 430.00	0.1	3.1 1.2	
Fernales	\$	689.50	2.9	7.8 7.0	554.30	1.2	2.3	
Total persons	\$	623.40	1.5	7.0	334.30	1.2	2.5	
Trend series	.	751.20	2.3	6.7	662.50	0.7	3.2	
Males	\$	751.20 5 19 .70	∠.3 0.5	3.6	432.50	0.2	1.5	
Females	\$ \$	635.50	0.5 1.6	5.9	554.50	0.2	2.3	
Total persons	⊅	030.00	1.0	5.5	554,50	Ų.O	2.5	
RETAIL TURNOVER, February 96 Original series			4.5	10.0	2.050.4	0.4	15.0	
Food retailing	\$m	74.5	1.5	10.2	3 956.4	- 2. 1		
Department stores	\$m	17.8	- 9.6 0.4	3.5	743.4	- 11.5 - 7.6	8.9 12.0	
Hospitalitý and services	\$m	25.9	0.4	- 1 .5	1 674.1		12.0 11.1	
All other retailing	\$m	49.3	- 9.5	5.6	2 966.7	7.8		
Total	\$m	167.5	- 3.4	6.1	9 340.6	- 5.8	12.7	
Trend series	_	70.4	0.7	C 0	4.000.7	0.3	10.1	
Food retailing	\$m	76.1	0.7	6.9	4 069.7	0.2	10.1 5.6	
Department stores	\$m	23.9	0.4	1.7	983.9	0.9		
Hospitality and services	\$m	28.9	1.4	- 1.0	1 778.8	0.3	6.9	
All other retailing	\$m	58.3		6.2	3 327.2	0.6	7.4	
Total	\$m	187.2	0.5	4.7	10 159.6	0.4	8.2	
TOURISM AND TRANSPORT HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, September qtr 95 Original series								
Room nights		3 210.5	0.6	- 1.6	9 3050	9.0	4.3	
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.0	- 1.0	1.1	851.6	12.6	12.1	
Takings at 1989–90 prices	\$m	15.9	- 3.0	- 4.8	724.3	11.3	6. 6	
Room occupancy rate (December qtr 95)1	%	64.6	1.9	- 1.6	59.7	- 0.2	0.7	
Seasonally adjusted series							4.0	
Room nights	000s	208.2	- 6.5	- 0.6	9 011.1	1.1	4.2	
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.3	- 2.0	2.1	830.7	3.6	12.2 6 .7	
Takings at 1989–90 prices Trend series	\$m	16.2	- 3.0	- 3.6	706.4	2.3	0 .7	
Room nights	'000s	212.5	- 3.2	2.2	9 005.3	0.6	4.1	
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.6	_	7.1	828.5	2.7	12.2	
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.5	- 0.6	2.5	701.9	1.1	6.0	
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, Feb. 96								
Motor vehicles	no.	991	13.1	13.9	53 201	19.7	8.1	
Seasonally adjusted motor vehicles	no.	1 093	1,5	12.4	55 454	4.1	3.8	
Trend motor vehicles	no.	1 100	1.2	6.0	53 747	1.6	- 0.1	
AGGREGATE INDICATORS STATE ACCOUNTS, September qtr 95 ²								
Original series	Ø	2 013	- 3.6	1.6	104 207	1.2	1.7	
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 335	- 3.6 - 3.8	1.6	116 382	1.4	4.9	
Gross State product at current prices	\$m \$m	2 832	- 2.7	- 2.7	103 691	- 1.9	2.1	
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	1 383	3.1	4.9	73 816	3.3	6.3	
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	191	J.1	- 3 5.5	18 808	- 3.8	- 1.3	
Private gross fixed capital expenditure Trend series	SIII	131		- 33.3	10 000	0.0	_,,	
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 051	0.4	1.3	105 068	0.5	2.3	
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 385	0.5	2.0	118 224	1.8	6.1	
State final demand at av. 1989–90 prices	\$m	2 827	- 0.6	- 3.1	104 254	0.1	2.6	
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 374	1.1	5.4	73 663	1.7	7.1	
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	184	- 9.4	- 35.9	18 796	- 1.3	- 2.2	
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Indicator	Unit	Latest period		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	'000s	Sept. qtr	95	6 135.0	4 511.1	3 297.9	1 474.7	1 740.1	473.3	174.7	304.9	18 114
LABOUR FORCE Employed persons (trend) Unemployment rate (trend)	'000s %	Mar. 96 Mar. 96		2 796.9 7.8	2 077.5 8.6	1 521.8 9.1	655.6 9.4	830.9 7.9	202.1 10.4	84.5 6.7	156.2 7.8	8 321 8
STATE ACCOUNTS ¹ Gross State product at 1989–90 prices (trend)	\$m	Sept, qtr	95	35 763	27 714	17 42 7	7 559	11 767	2 089	1 193	2 051	105 0
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	\$m	Sept. qtr	95	40 587	30 843	19 372	8 701	12 499	2 464	1 265	2 385	118 2
BUILDING APPROVALS Dwelling units approved	no.	Feb. 96		3 361	1 931	2 405	486	1 482	197	68	179	10 1
Dwelling units approved (trend)	no.	Feb. 96		3 378	1 868	2 444	447	1 414	212	91	197	10 0
Value of non-residential building approved	\$m	Feb. 96		373.1	200.1	247.6	16.5	48.6	13.3	26.6	162.0	1 087
Value of all buildings approved	\$m	Feb. 96		774.0	448.9	487.4	64.5	191.6	33.9	35.8	181.3	2 217
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTI Value of engineering construction work done	ON \$m	Sept. qtr	95	1 280.6	527.4	725.6	141.8	511.3	42.4	51.7	31.9	3 312
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNING	•											
Full-time adult ordinary tim (trend)		Nov. qtr	95	694.00	652.10	616.80	613.70	671.90	614.40	664.90	767.90	661.
RETAIL TRADE Retail turnover (trend)	\$ m	Feb. 96		3 659.9	2 308.1	1 841.5	754.4	1 045.1	245.9	117.4	187.2	10 159
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION Room nights occupied (trend)	'000s	Sept. qtr	9 5	3 110.0	1 467.3	2 350.3	507.4	797.4	273.4	287.0	212.5	9 009
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	no.	Feb. 96		18 538	12 945	10 441	3 712	5 23 9	1 110	662	1 100	53 7
Trend	110.	160. 30		10 550	12 545	10 711	0 . 12	5 230				
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX				Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Çan	b. Aus
(1989–90=100.0) Food Housing Transportation All Groups		Dec. qt Dec. qt Dec. qt Dec. qt	r 95 r 95	108.4	114.0 102.8 122.5 118.5	115.8 112.1 120.1 118.6	103.8 124.3	100.8 123.1	106.5 120.1	118. 118.	9 11 2 1 2	8.8 119 1.8 100 7.1 120 0.0 118
Average retail prices (cents Milk, carton, supermarke		Dec. qt	r Qi	5 110.0) 117.0) 112.0) 114.0) 116.0	120.0	109.	0 10	6.0 r
sales Bread, white loaf, sliced,		Dec. at										9.0 r
supermarket sales Beef, rump steak Chicken, frozen	1 kg 1 kg	Dec. qt Dec. qt	r 98	5 1 311.0	1 119.0	1 135.0	1 130.0	1 101.0	1 114.0	1 18 7.	0 115	
Potatoes	1 kg	Dec. qt	r 9	5 133.0	177.0	151.0	134.0	120.0	93.0			6.0 r
Coffee, instant Scotch nip, public bar	150 g 30 ml	jar Dec. qt Dec. qt										2.0 r 8.0 r
Private motoring — petrol, leaded	1 litre	Dec. qt	r 9!	5 71,9	73.0	64.1	1 74.0	75.7	78.5	77.	1 7	6.1
Private motoring —												

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Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	Sept. qtr 95	0.3	0.2	0.6	_	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons (trend)	Mar. 96	-0.1	0.1	0.1	_	0.1	_	0.6	- 0.5	
Unemployment rate (trend) ¹	Mar. 96	_	- 0.1	- 0.1		0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	
STATE ACCOUNTS ²										
Gross State product at										
1989-90 prices (trend)	Sept. qtr 95	0.6	0.6	1.1	1.7	1.0	- 0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5
Gross State product at								4.5		4.0
current prices (trend)	Sept. qtr 95	2.0	1.3	2.2	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.8
BUILDING APPROVALS								. ~ .		54.7
Dwelling units approved	Feb. 96	16.1	27.1	28.8	36.9	19.4	- 13.6	- 17.1	54.3	21.7
Dwelling units approved (trend)	Feb. 96	1.2	- 1.4	0.2	- 4.3	2.5	- 0.9	-4.6	- 8.5	_
Value of non-residential										
building approved	Feb. 9 6	32.4	22.4	160.4	74.4	- 55.1	- 68.6		1 165.6	36.9
Value of all buildings approved	Feb. 96	18.7	29.7	68.4	- 36.8	18.9	- 51.0	1.1	564.1	26.2
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION										
Value of engineering construction										
work done	Sept. qtr 95	- 8.9	- 23.7	- 6.3	– 29.9	7.0	- 35.7	- 26.6	-17.6	- 11.1
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time										
(trend)	Nov. qtr 95	1.4	0.8	0.9	-0.2	1.9	0.9	0.4	2.3	1.1
RETAIL TRADE										
Retail turnover (trend)	Feb. 96	0.6	0.5	0.4	- 0.7	0.3	0.7	- 0.3	0.5	0.4
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST										
HOUSE ACCOMMODATION										
Room nights occupied (trend)	Sept. qtr 95	2.0	1.0	- 0.9	2.1	- 1.8	3.0	0.2	- 3.2	0.6
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE										
REGISTRATIONS										
Trend	Feb. 96	1.5	8.0	3.8	1.1	0.4	0.6	- 0.6	1.2	1.6
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		Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1989-90=100.0)										
Food	Dec. atr 95	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.7	- 0.2	1.0	1.4	0.3
Housing	Dec. qtr 95	0.9	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.5	2.1	0.4	0.7
Transportation	Dec. atr 95	0.7	0.1	_	-0.1	- 0.2	0.6	- 0.7	0.2	0.2
All Groups	Dec. qtr 95	0.9	8.0	0.6	8.0	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.8
Average retail prices (cents)										
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	Dec. qtr 95	0.9	0.9	0.9	_	_	_	2.8	_	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced,	ŕ									
supermarket sales	Dec. qtr 95	0.5	1.9	4.0		5.1	- 1.3			n,a.
Beef, rump steak	Dec. qtr 95	0.9	- 2.7	- 0.9	- 4.0	- 4.6	- 4.2			n.a.
Chicken, frozen	Dec. qtr 95	4.5	11.3	- 9.2	0.3	5.4	- 10.5			n.a.
Potatoes	Dec. qtr 95	14.7	33.1	24.8	26.4	- 2.4	36.8	23.6		n.a.
Coffee, instant	Dec. atr 95	1.9	3.7	7.0	- 2.0	0.7	0.8	7.1		n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	Dec. gtr 95	1.3	3.1	0.4	0.6	2.5	1.4	2.7	2.9	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol,	5	o 7	4.0	0.7	4 7	4 7	4.3	4 7	0.4	
leaded	Dec. qtr 95	- 0.7	- 1.2	- 2.3	- 1.7	- 1.7	1.3	- 1.7	0.4	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, unleaded	Dec. qtr 95	- 0.7	- 1.3	- 2.4	- 1.9	- 1.6	1.3	- 1.7	0.4	n.a
umeaucu	Dec. qu 33	0.1	1.0	∠τ	1.0	2.0	1.0			

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.
² State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in *State Accounts* (5242.0).

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